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**(U) CALIFORNIA****(U) Trabuco Canyon – Suspect Arrested in Connection to Holy Fire**

(U) Forrest Gordon Clark, 51 was arrested yesterday in connection with the Holy Fire, which has burned more than 6,200 acres in the Cleveland National Forest. Clark was booked into the Orange County Jail on suspicion of two counts of felony arson, one count of felony threat to terrorize, and one count of misdemeanor resisting arrest. If convicted on all the charges he faces a life sentence. He is being held in lieu of \$1 million bail and is set to be arraigned today.

SOURCE: 8 August 2018, [ABC 7](#)

**(U) Los Angeles – Indictments in Drug Trafficking and Gang Raid Involving Sinaloa Cartel**

(U) Fifty-seven people were indicted on federal drug trafficking charges involving the Sinaloa Cartel as raids were conducted throughout Southern California. The raids were a culmination of a three-year long investigation into three trafficking organizations who helped transport drugs from Mexico to the Los Angeles area and other cities throughout the US. Twenty people were arrested yesterday, while two were already in custody. The indictments allege that the defendants received the drugs from the cartel in northern Mexico, smuggled them through hidden compartments in vehicles and then distributed to other states.

SOURCE: 8 August 2018, [KTLA](#)

**(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER****(U) Texas – First Responder Imposter Arrested After Failed Smuggling Attempt**

(U) Falfurrias – A man is accused of impersonating a first responder and trying to smuggle three people across a US border checkpoint. Border Patrol agents spotted a white SUV when their K-9 tipped them off that there was something suspicious about the vehicle, which appeared to be an emergency medical service vehicle. Border Patrol agents at the checkpoint signaled the vehicle to the secondary inspection area. But the driver sped out of the checkpoint and led officers on a pursuit. He didn't get very far when he stopped and the three passengers in the SUV jumped out and began running. The agents quickly apprehended the driver and the passengers.

SOURCE: 8 August 2018, [CNN](#)

**(U) NATIONAL****(U) District of Columbia – US to Impose Sanctions on Russia Over Nerve Agent Attack**

(U) Washington – The United States announced yesterday it will impose new sanctions on Russia for illegally using a chemical weapon in an attempt to kill a former spy and his daughter in Britain earlier this year. The State Department said the US this week made the determination that Russia had used the Novichok nerve agent to poison Sergei Skripal and his daughter. Those sanctions will include the presumed denial of export licenses for Russia to purchase many items with national security implications.

SOURCE: 8 August 2018, [Associated Press](#)

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**UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY****(U) Florida – Coast Guard Offloads 7 Tons of Cocaine**

(U) Fort Lauderdale – The US Coast Guard is set to offload more than seven tons of cocaine at Port Everglades. The drugs were seized during nine interdictions in the eastern Pacific Ocean. The Coast Guard cutter Mohawk, was responsible for four of those seizures, netting nearly 3,400 kilos of coke. The cutter Tampa was involved in two seizures, confiscating 1,363 kilos. The crew of the cutter Alert also had two interdictions seizing 981 kilos. The cutter Venturous was responsible for one case, seizing an estimated 741 kilos.

SOURCE: 9 August 2018, [CBS Miami](#)

**(U) Missouri – Hackers Target PGA Servers, Seek Bitcoin Ransom**

(U) St. Louis – Officials were locked out of the PGA of America's computer servers, containing crucial files related to this week's PGA Championship at Bellerive Country Club and the upcoming Ryder Cup in France. Staff realized that their systems had been compromised when attempts to work on the files generated a message saying the network has been penetrated and the files were encrypted. The warning continued with any attempt to break the encryption could cause the loss of all the work.

SOURCE: 8 August 2018, [Golf Week](#)

**(U) New Mexico – Man Allegedly Trained Kid to Commit School Shootings**

(U) Amalia – Siraj Ibn Wahhaj, the father of a toddler whose remains are believed to be those found at a remote compound in Northern New Mexico, allegedly trained another child who was living there to commit school shootings. Five adults accused of keeping the boy, Abdul-Ghani Wahhaj, and 11 other children in sordid conditions at the makeshift camp along the Colorado border appeared for an arraignment yesterday. The five face charges of child abuse. Siraj Wahhaj also faces charges in Georgia for taking his son Abul-Ghani Wahhaj, who was then 3, and absconding to New Mexico.

SOURCE: 8 August 2018, [Taos News](#)

**(U) Wisconsin – Multiple Arrests Made Following Undercover Drug Raids**

(U) Milwaukee – Authorities from several agencies have conducted multiple drug raids throughout Milwaukee. Federal agents and police spent hours yesterday morning searching homes mainly in the northwest area of the city. The raids are being connected to drugs, particularly heroin. The FBI, DEA, ATF and the Milwaukee Police are all involved. They have already made multiple arrests.

SOURCE: 8 August 2018, [WTMJ-TV](#)

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